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1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFAIR, WE ASKED CONGEN CALCUTTA TO CONTACT COLONEL B.T. NAGRANI, F.I.E., SECRETARY, INDIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE, TO LEARN IF HE HAD TAKEN ANY ACTION TOWARD PREPARATION OF A LIST OF NAMES OF POTENTIAL INVITEES TO THE SEPTEMBER 23-27 DETROIT WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE.

2. CALCUTTA REPORTS THAT COLONEL NAGRANI HAS IN HIS POSSESSION SUFFICIENT REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS, AND OTHER DATA RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL PROGRAM. HE SUBMITTED A LIST OF SEVEN NAMES FOR APPROVAL TO THE GOI "SOME MONTHS AGO" BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY. HE PLANS PERSONALLY TO MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS IN NEW
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DELHI IN JULY IF A DECISION HAS NOT BEEN HANDED DOWN BY THEN.

NAGRANI IS OF THE VIEW THAT , OF THE SEVEN NAMES LISTED BELOW,
THE GOI WILL APPROVE AS NOMINEES AT LEAST THE FIRST FOUR:

- A. MR. SWAMBU, CONSULTANT TO THE TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, BOMBAY; PRIVATE SECTOR.
- B. PROFESSOR A.K. GHOSH, DHANBAD SCHOOL OF MINES, DHANBAD, BIHAR; ACADEMICIAN.
- C. CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL WATER AND POWER COMMISSION, NEW DELHI; PUBLIC SECTOR (POSITION TO BE FILLED).
- D. MR. R.P. IYER, SECRETARY, FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING UNDERTAKINGS, BOMBAY; PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTORS.
- E. MR. SHAH, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, BOMBAY; PUBLIC SECTOR.
- F. MR. MANAS CHATTERJEE, DIRECTOR, ENERGY PLANNING COMMISSION; NEW DELHI; PUBLIC SECTOR.
- G. DR.R.C. GOEL, PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GORAKHPUR UNIVERSITY, GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH; ACADEMICIAN.

3. WHILE NONE OF THE ABOVE-LISTED NAMES CAN BE CONFIRMED AT THIS DATE (PENDING GOI APPROVAL), INDICATIONS ARE THAT NAGRANI MAY PREFER NAMES A THROUGH D AS FIRST CHOICE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NAMES E THROUGH G AS ALTERNATES. PRESUMABLY, AS A FORMER PARTICIPANT AND STILL AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE CONFERENCE, NAGRANI HAS SELECTED HIS LIST USING BOTH EXPERIENCE AND OUTLOOK AS GUIDES. IN ANY EVENT, THE ROSTER APPEARS TO US TO BE REASONABLY WELL BALANCED PROFESSIONALLY, AND CONFORMS TO THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES TO BE STUDIED DURING THE DETROIT CONFERENCE.

4. WE REALIZE THAT THE US NATIONAL COMMITTEE HOPES TO FIRM UP ITS INVITE LIST WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. WE WILL URGE NAGRANI TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH HELP IS USEFUL, TALK DIRECTLY TO THE GOI.

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